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SUBJECT: US-USSR CONSULTATIONS ON CW

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, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT FOLLOWING NON-PAPER TO
APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

2. THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 3 PROVIDED THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH A NON-PAPER ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS
LIMITATIONS. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, IS WILLING
TO HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELAT-
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ED TO CW LIMITATIONS. THE US SIDE ACCEPTS THE SOVIET

SUGGESTION THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN GENEVA DURING THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CCD BETWEEN THE US AND SOVIET CCD REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS.

3. THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE CONSULTATIONS BEGIN ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 IN THE AFTERNOON. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THE DISCUSSIONS TO EXTEND BEYOND FRIDAY, AUGUST 20.

4. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MID-AUGUST DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE TO EXPLORE TECHNICAL ISSUES RAISED PREVIOUSLY RELATED TO POSSIBLE CW LIMITATIONS AND TO IDENTIFY ANY AREAS OF AGREEMENT ON THESE MATTERS. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO INITIATE CW TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES AND TECHNICAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY EXPLORED; THEREFORE, THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO CW LIMITATIONS.

5. TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE AND TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSIONS, THE US PROPOSES THAT THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATE ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. DEFINITION OF THE AGENTS TO BE COVERED IN A POSSIBLE CW AGREEMENT, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF TOXICITY CRITERIA;

B. VERIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF DECLARED STOCKS OF CW AGENTS;

C. EVALUATION OF OTHER PROPOSED VERIFICATION TECHNIQUES;

D. FEASIBILITY AND UTILITY OF TECHNICAL EXCHANGE VISITS; AND

E. RESPONSE TO SWEDISH REQUEST THAT CCD CO-CHAIRMEN TAKE THE LEAD IN ORGANIZING THE TECHNICAL MATERIAL ON CW LIMITATIONS ALREADY ACCUMULATED BY THE CCD.
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6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 9, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO PERMIT FINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE.

7. FOR GENEVA: YOU SHOULD INFORM THE SOVIET CCD DEL THAT INFO ABOVE IS BEING COMMUNICATED IN MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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